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BOMB SALES TO ISRAEL

1. THERE FOLLOWS TRANSLATED EXCEPRTS FROM POLITICAL COMMEN-
TARY IN THE PRESTIGIOUS SAUDI DAILY AL-MADINA, FEBRUARY 10,
UNDER THE THE TITLE "POSITIVE STANCE BY PRESIDENT CARTER".

2. BEGIN TEXT:

PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF SUSPENDING SALES
OF CONCUSSION BOMBS TO ISRAEL MAY BE CONSIDERED A POSITIVE
GESTURE ON HIS PART THAT WILL PRODUCE LOTS OF GOOD EFFECTS
ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

SALES OF SUCH BOMBS AND OTHER WEAPONS AUTHORIZED BY
FORMER PRESIDENT FORD'S ADMINISTRATION AT THE CLIMAX OF THE
ELECTION CAMPAIGN WOULD HAVE BLOWN UP THE CURRENT INTERNA-
TIONAL DRIVE TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK THIS BOLD STEP, HE CONFIRMED
HIS SERIOUSNESS AND COMMITMENT TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO
THE BLODDY CRISIS THROUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE BASIS
OF ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES
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AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PALESTINE STATE ON THESE
TERRITORIES....

(AFTER THE CARTER ANNOUNCEMENT ALLON ANNOUNCED ISRAEL
IS READY NOW FOR GENEVA) AND WHAT IS MORE, ALLON DEMANDED
THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE BE WORKING OUT A SOLU-
TION FOR THE PALESTINE CASE, THE FIRST OVERT CONFESSION BY
ALLON AND HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS A PALESTINE ISSUE

WHICH WARRANTS SOLUTION. THIS IS, UNDOUBTEDLY, A REMARK-
ABLE CHANGE IN THE STANCE OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TOWARD
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE WAKE OF ITS EARLIER ATTEMPTS
TO THWART IT, ALST OF WHICH WAS RABIN'S GOVERNMENT REJECTION
OF DR. WALDHEIM'S RECENT ENDEAVORS, AND ITS INSISTENCE THAT
THE UNITED STATES WAS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE MEDIATOR, AND THAT
GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS NOT THE ONLY FORMULA FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND ULTIMATE SETTLEMENT.

(WE WELCOM CARTER'S MOVE AS) A CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN
ATTITUDE AUGURING BIGGER FUTURE STEPS SUCH AS RECOGNITION
OF THE PLO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS,
AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL FORMER UN RESOLUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGING
THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE MORAL
PRINCIPLES, WHICH CARTER SAID WOULD BE THE MAINSTAYS OF
HIS FOREIGN POLICY, DO NOT CONFLICT WITH ITS. END TEXT.
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